



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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June 15, 2022

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing in response to your letter dated May 31, 2022, in which you requested that the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigate allegations that an Assistant Special Agent in Charge in the Federal Bureau of Investigation violated Federal regulations and DOJ guidelines pertaining to political bias while engaging in official duties.

After carefully reviewing the information in your letter, we determined that some of the allegations and conduct you described in your letter implicate potential violations of the Hatch Act, which limits certain political activities of federal employees. The U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) is responsible for investigating and prosecuting alleged violations of the Hatch Act. As a result, we have referred the relevant allegations to OSC to review and respond as it deems appropriate.

Thank you for your continued support for the OIG. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me, or Adam Miles, Senior Counselor to the Inspector General, at (202) 514-3435.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Horowitz  
Inspector General

cc: The Honorable Dick Durbin, Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Henry Kerner, Special Counsel  
U.S. Office of Special Counsel